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**Re: Patent Application -"PLANT ROOT AND BULB PROTECTION DEVICE";**

**Serial Number: 10/694,463; Filed October 28, 2003**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This shall confirm, that further to a telephone conference with my office earlier today, that the above-identified patent application has not yet been assigned to an examiner nor have any office actions have been issued.

Please note this application was filed on October 28, 2003 and has been pending for quite sometime.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,  
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